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TITLE: Surgical anastomosis stent

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Brief Summary Text - BSTX (7):

Although this refinement is a procedure still in common use because of its low
cost-benefit ratio, it is accompanied by particularly undesirable aspects.
First, the refinement traumatizes the lumen, adjoining muscle and connective
tissue layers at two sites. Commonly, a 0.037 inch diameter stent of Silastic
tubing is pushed through a lumen having an interior diameter as small as 0.025
inches and outwardly through a tissue wall thickness of about 0.040 inches.

Second, the passage of the stent through the cavity incision serves as a track
for the entrance of infection. Moreover, evidence exists which shows that
obstructions occur at sites where the stent exits through the walls of the vas
deferens.

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The tissue graft material of this invention is prepared by abrading intestinal
tissue to remove the outer layers including both the tunica serosa and the tunica muscularis (layers B and C in FIG. 1) and the inner layers including at
least the luminal portion (layer G) of the tunica mucosa (layers E through G in
FIG. 1). Under conditions of mild abrasion the tunica mucosa is delaminated between the stratum compactum (layer F) and the lamina propria of layer G. More
particularly, following removal of any mesenteric tissues from the intestinal

segment utilizing, for example, Adson-Brown forceps and Metzenbaum scissors, the tunica serosa and the tunica muscularis (the outer tissue layers) are delaminated from the intestinal segment by abrasion using a longitudinal wiping
motion with a scalpel handle and moistened gauze. Following eversion of the intestinal segment, the luminal portion of the tunica mucosa is delaminated from the underlying tissue using the same wiping motion. Care is taken to prevent perforation of the submucosa. Also, any tissue "tags" from the delaminated layers remaining on the graft surface are removed. Optionally, the
intestinal segment may be everted first, then stripped of the luminal layers,

then reinserted to its original orientation for removal of the tunica serosa and the tunica muscularis. The graft material is a whitish, translucent tube

of tissue approximately 0.1 mm thick, typically consisting of the tunica submucosa with the attached lamina muscularis mucosa and stratum compactum. For vascular graft preparation, the prepared graft is everted to its original

orientation so that the stratum compactum serves as the luminal surface of the
graft.

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sheath to maintain the cover in a wrapped configuration about the stent during deployment of the assembly. Also, there remains a need for an endoprosthesis assembly including a stent cover that prevents undesirable tissue growth through the stent openings yet provides sufficient porosity for desirably cellular ingrowth and capillary formation. Finally, there remains a need for an endoprosthesis assembly stent covering providing the above advantages and that can be used with existing stents.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides an endoprosthesis assembly for percutaneous deployment and implantation within a body passageway. The endoprosthesis assembly includes a stent and a stent cover. The assembly is affixed to a balloon portion of a balloon catheter for deployment to a treatment site within a patient's vasculature.

The stent comprises a radially expandable cylindrical frame while the stent cover comprises a thin walled, single layer polyester woven sleeve having a length just less than a length of the stent. The inner diameter of the cover is matched to the desired, expanded outer diameter of the stent. Normally, a The stent cover is wrapped around the stent when the stent is in an unexpanded constricted configuration and is thermally set in the wrapped configuration. After being thermally set, an outer surface of the wrapped cover has a uniform and smooth cylindrical shape. The thermally set cover remains in the wrapped configuration during deployment of the endoprosthesis assembly to the treatment area.

The unwrapped diameter of the stent cover and the expanded diameter of the stent must be matched to the size of the blood vessel that is to be treated. As the balloon of the balloon catheter is expanded, the stent expands and stent cover correspondingly unwraps. The stent is expanded until it is fully seated compressing the unwrapped cover against the blood vessel intraluminal wall.

The stent cover remedies the problems associated with the open spaces of the stent frame, while its uniform cylindrical shape after thermal setting minimizes the increase in the assembly's outer diameter due to the cover. The outward radial force necessary to unwrap the cover is less than the radial force necessary to expand the stent. Further, once the cover is unwrapped or open, it does not have a tendency to return to its wrapped configuration and therefore does not tend to apply an inwardly directed radial force on the expanded stent which could cause the stent to collapse.

The cross sectional profile of the endoprosthesis assembly of the present invention allows a significantly smaller introducer passageway to be used than was previously possible using traditional stent covers. Further, the uniformity in the outer surface of the wrapped cover eliminates the need for a deployment sheath and the attendant increase in cross section of the assembly such a sheath would cause.

To fabricate the endoprosthesis assembly of the present invention, polyester fiber is woven into a tubular shaped sleeve. Preferably, the sleeve is comprised of a single ply polyester material having a thickness of approximately 0.004 inches. The preferred polyester is polyethylene terephthalate (PET). The cover is cut from the woven sleeve. The cover is cut to a length just slightly less than a length of the selected stent the cover will be used with. The inner diameter of the cover is selected to match the outer diameter of the stent when the strut is expanded to a desired diameter within a blood vessel.

The stent cover is affixed to the stent with a single tied stitch extending through the cover and looped around a

support member of the stent frame. The cover is then wrapped tightly around the stent while the stent is in its unexpanded configuration.

The stent and wrapped cover are inserted into a piece of heat shrink tubing. The tubing is sized to fit snugly over the cover. Then the endoprosthesis assembly is exposed to an elevated temperature causing the heat shrink tubing to shrink and radially compress the cover. The heat and the heat shrink tubing set the cover in its wrapped configuration. The heat shrink tubing is then peeled off. The stent is positioned on the balloon portion of a balloon catheter and the stent is crimped onto the catheter balloon portion.

During deployment, the stent cover remains in its thermally set, wrapped configuration until during implantation the inner surface of the cover overlying the stent is subjected to the outwardly directed radial force extended by the expanding stent. A stent cover fabricated of woven PET polyester exhibits the advantages of so-called non-compliant stents, namely, good long term fatigue resistance to pulsatile pressure, resistance to aneurysms and leaks and good healing characteristics.

These and other advantages and features of this invention will be clearly understood through consideration of the following detailed description of the invention in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a side elevation view of an endoprosthesis assembly of the present invention and a delivery assembly including a balloon catheter for percutaneous deployment of the endoprosthesis assembly;

FIG. 2 is a cross section view of the endoprosthesis assembly of FIG. 1 including a stent and a stent cover partially wrapped around the stent;

FIG. 3 is a cross section view of the endoprosthesis assembly of FIG. 1 with the stent cover completely wrapped around the stent;

FIG. 4 is a cross section view of the endoprosthesis assembly of FIG. 1 with a section of heat shrink tubing overlying the stent cover;

FIG. 5 is a cross section view of the endoprosthesis assembly of FIG. 1 mounted on the balloon catheter with the stent cover thermally set in its wrapped configuration and the section of heat shrink tubing stripped off;

FIG. 6 is a perspective view of the endoprosthesis assembly of FIG. 1 mounted on the balloon catheter within a patient's blood vessel;

FIG. 7 is a side elevation view of the endoprosthesis assembly of FIG. 1 mounted on the balloon catheter and positioned within a partially occluded portion of a blood vessel;

FIG. 8 is a cross section view of the endoprosthesis assembly and the balloon catheter as seen from a plane indicated by the line 8—8 in FIG. 7;

FIG. 9 is a side elevation view of the endoprosthesis assembly of FIG. 1 mounted on the balloon catheter with a balloon portion of the catheter inflated expanding the stent, unwrapping stent cover and increasing a size of the opening through the blood vessel; and

FIG. 10 is a cross section view of the endoprosthesis assembly and the balloon catheter as seen from a plane indicated by the line 10—10 in FIG. 9.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

1. Configuration and Use of the Endoprosthesis Assembly

Turning to the drawings, the present invention provides for an endoprosthesis assembly 10 including a stent 12 and

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rality of apertures close tightly so that no therapeutic drug can pass therethrough. The expandable membrane is then rolled onto the balloon portion of the catheter to form a cylindrical configuration and is delivered intraluminally as described above. The flat sheet is rolled into a cylinder and the edges are joined by welding, adhesive, etc. The balloon portion of the catheter is expanded thereby expanding the expandable membrane and forcing the therapeutic drug through the plurality of apertures and into contact with the vessel wall at the site of the injured or diseased area. After the therapeutic drug has been delivered, the balloon portion of the catheter is deflated and the catheter and expandable membrane are withdrawn from the vasculature. Instead of forming the expandable membrane from flat sheets, this embodiment may also be achieved with two tubular members, one within the other, to form a cavity between the layers. The ends are sealed and laser micro-holes are drilled into the outer layer to allow the therapeutic drug to pass therethrough. The tubular members also may have a drug incorporated in the polymer material in the form of a matrix which allows the drug to diffuse into the vessel wall over time.

In another embodiment of the invention, the expandable membrane is in the form of a flat sheet and having a thickness in the range of 0.002–0.020 inches. A plurality of micro-pockets are drilled into the outer surface of the expandable membrane, but are not drilled all the way through so as to form a hole. The micro-pockets are drilled while the membrane is in its stretched position. Thereafter, a therapeutic drug is loaded into the various micro-pockets and the membrane is relaxed so that the pockets close with the therapeutic drug inside. The elastic membrane can then be rolled into a cylindrical form and mounted on a catheter for delivery to the diseased or injured area. When the expandable membrane is expanded by the balloon portion of the catheter, the micro-pockets open and the therapeutic drug is delivered to the diseased or injured area. After the therapeutic drug has been delivered, the balloon portion of the catheter is deflated and the catheter and expandable membrane are withdrawn from the patient.

In yet another embodiment of the invention, an intravascular stent is mounted on the balloon portion of a catheter so that it may be implanted in a conventional manner within the vasculature. An expandable membrane having a therapeutic drug contained therein, in the form of a matrix, is mounted on the outer surface of the stent and the catheter, stent, and expandable membrane are delivered intraluminally to the injured or diseased area. As the balloon is expanded, it forces the stent radially outwardly along with the expandable membrane and into contact with the vessel wall. The balloon portion of the catheter is then deflated and the catheter and balloon withdrawn from the vasculature leaving the intravascular stent and expandable membrane implanted at the injured or diseased area. Thereafter, the therapeutic drug will diffuse from the matrix into the vessel wall to provide treatment in an effort to reduce the incidence of restenosis.

In both the reservoir or matrix form of drug delivery, the therapeutic drug may be retained in various structures including microspheres, sheets, tubes and so forth.

The expandable membrane of the present invention may be deployed in a body lumen through a variety of devices, including, but not limited to, balloon catheters and specialized devices which can deliver a stent within a body lumen. These and other advantages of the invention will become more apparent from the following detailed description thereof when taken in conjunction with the accompanying exemplary drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a top view of the expandable membrane of the invention prior to rolling into a cylindrical configuration;

FIG. 2A is a perspective view of the expandable membrane of FIG. 1 in its rolled up condition with its first edge attached to the second edge in an overlapping relationship;

FIG. 2B is a perspective view depicting the elastic membrane in a hollow tubular form that is seamless;

FIG. 3 depicts a partial cross-sectional view of an elevation of a rapid exchange catheter system having a stent mounted on a balloon with the expandable membrane mounted over the stent;

FIG. 4A is a partial cross-sectional view depicting an over-the-wire catheter system having a stent mounted on the balloon portion of the catheter and an expandable membrane mounted over the stent;

FIG. 4B is a partial cross-sectional view of a perfusion-type catheter system having a stent mounted on the balloon portion of the catheter and an expandable membrane over the stent;

FIG. 5 is an elevational view depicting the rapid exchange catheter system of FIG. 3 wherein the stent mounted on the balloon portion of the catheter has a specific configuration and the expandable membrane is mounted over the stent;

FIG. 5A is a cross-sectional view taken along line 5A—5A depicting the expandable membrane over the stent and balloon portion of the catheter;

FIG. 6 is a partial cross-sectional view of the catheter delivery system and stent with the membrane mounted on the stent being transluminally delivered within the patient's vasculature;

FIG. 7 is a partial cross-sectional view of the balloon portion of the catheter expanding the stent and the expandable membrane within the patient's vasculature;

FIG. 8 is a partial cross-sectional view of an intravascular stent and an expandable membrane implanted against the patient's vessel wall;

FIG. 8A is a cross-sectional view taken along line 8A—8A depicting the expandable membrane and stent expanded and in contact with the vessel wall;

FIG. 9 is a perspective view of the expandable membrane wherein the first layer and the second layer are spaced apart prior to affixing the edges to each other;

FIG. 10 is the expandable membrane of FIG. 9 wherein the first layer and the second layer have been joined and the plurality of holes are closed since the membrane is in its relaxed condition;

FIG. 11 is a perspective view of the expandable membrane of FIG. 10 in its rolled up condition and in an unexpanded state with the plurality of micro-holes tightly closed thereby containing the drug within the drug filled reservoir;

FIG. 11A is a perspective view of an expandable membrane having an inner tube and an outer tube with a drug receiving cavity in between the two tubes;

FIG. 12 is a perspective view of the expandable membrane having a plurality of micro-pockets for receiving a therapeutic drug; and

FIG. 13 is a perspective view of the expandable membrane of FIG. 12 in its rolled up condition in a cylindrical form with the micro-pockets tightly closed and in an unexpanded condition.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

During PTCA procedures it is common to use a dilatation catheter to expand a diseased area to open the patient's

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With respect to the dimension identified with numeral 18, this dimension i the nominal distance between the mated stents along a channel which extends down the sides and along the bottoms of the stents. It has been found that f pericardial tissue, the dimension is preferably about 0.020 inches, in orde accommodate the thickness of the tissue and the thicknesses of the DACRON fabric coverings, although for other tissue types such as fascia lata, other dimensions may be preferable.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (63):
Turning now to the tissue 2 in FIG. 1, this tissue is preferably autogenou tissue, such as pericardial tissue, but it may also be fascia lata, rectus fascia (or sheath), or vein tissue. These tissue sources are all relatively flimsy and difficult to handle. This is because this tissue once harvested will have a thickness of about 10-12 mils. By comparison, bovine pericardium is about 15-20 mils thick . Therefore, as will be described in more detail further on, after the tissue is harvested, the tissue is usually quick-fixed dipping it in 0.6% glutaraldehyde solution. This serves to toughen it, and make it easier to handle.

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The cutting pad 78 is preferably a thin, i.e., 0.025 inch or less, sheet o TEFLON or the like, and is configured to provide an appropriate amount of resiliency against the razor sharp blade of the die. The thickness of the pa is determined by the extent to which blade 33 extends above the upper surface of the cutting die 36 and by the thickness of the tissue used. In the exampl discussed earlier, the blade extension is 35 mils. and human 25 pericardial tissue may be about 10 mils thick . The thickness of the pad should be the difference, i.e., 25 mils, in this example. The cutting pad functions to lim the blade penetration into the tissue and the base o which it is resting.

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When introduction of the azide groups is performed in the absence of sodiu chloride, the hydrochloric acid causes, at the end of esterification, a swelling of the tissue; the latter then becomes thicker and translucent. The swelling corresponds to a limited dissolution of the tissue since there are numerous intermolecular and intramolecular bonds preventing a total dissoluti of the tissue. At the end of esterification, the thermal stability of the tissue is that of an acid-soluble collagen (denaturing starting temperature i 36.degree. C., the thickness of the pericardium goes from 0.38 mm to 0.82

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (5):

It is neither necessary nor possible to give exact shape and dimensional definitions to the leaflets exemplified by leaflet 30, but the configuration may be described, realizing that the truly critical relationship is the interrelationship of the three obtuse truncated triangular portions. The maximum width of the leaflets lies about the midpoint thereof. The height of the leaflet is, of course, of no criticality whatever, however, and so this i merely a general relationship. Thus, the sum of Sa, Sb, and Sc, is approximately equal to one-half of the total vertical height of the leaflet, representing the mean altitude of the obtuse truncated triangle formed by plateau 46 and the converging edge portions 42 and 44 and the base formed by the juncture between top edge with side 34 and side 36 respectively, Sb plus being equal to about 35% plus or minus 3 to 5% of the total height and the su of Sa, Sb and Sc being about 50% plus or minus around 10% of the total vertic height. The width of the leaflet Wa, measured Sa down from the point 46 is about 85% plus or minus 10% of the maximum width of the leaflet, Sa being around 12 to 17% of the total height. The width Wb measured at Sa plus Sb fr the point 46 is about 95% plus or minus about 5% of the maximum width. Sa pl Sb is about 30 to 40%, generally around 35% of the total height. The maximum width is usually at about 45 to 55% of height. The exact width and height ratios depends upon the overall size of the valve and generally will fall within the ranges indicated, although the first definition by function is the best and most meaningful description presently comprehended. In a specific embodiment, the valving member for the size 23 valve is a section of pericardium 0.012 inch thick, with a maximum height of 21 millimeters, a maximum width Wc of 26.5 millimeters at about 52% of total height, the width of the obtuse triangle is 22.5 millimeters measured at Sa down about 14% of total height from the top, the intermediate width Wb being 25.5 millimeters Sb, 35% from the top. Again, this is merely one example of one size of a val and the dimensions are not the critical factor, it is the interrelationship o the top edges of the leaflet which are critical.